

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Glow discharges treatments are also considered in ~~US-A-~~ U.S. Patent 5 462 781 for improving the bondability of an implantable polymer medical device or for changing the wettability of a polymer fabric. Several of the references discussed in this patent confirm non modulated, continuous plasma treatments as a means for varying the inherent WCA of a surface.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~US-A-~~ U.S. Patent 5 034 265 discloses a non modulated, continuous plasma treatment for improving the biocompatibility of vascular grafts with a CF_x fluorocarbon coating deposited at the inside wall of the grafts in a proper plasma reactor fed with tetrafluoroethylene (C_2F_4 , TFE) at 0.2 Torr. In the preferred embodiment of the invention no other materials are interposed between the substrate and the coating.